

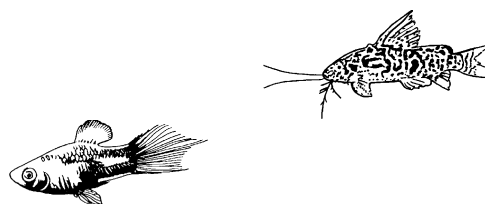
## Aquaculture

Maryland's aquaculture producers raise a wide variety of products, including food fish, sport fish, mollusks, crustaceans, bait fish, algae, ornamental fish and aquatic plants. Combined sales of all aquaculture products in 2000 was \$4,949,583.

Growers produced 566,584 pounds of food and sport fish in 2000, worth nearly \$1.17 million. Tilapia is Maryland's number one fish in terms of production and sales, accounting for 84% of the food fish production. Large mouth bass, catfish, trout, hybrid striped bass, blue gill, and perch are also grown in Maryland. In addition, growers produced nearly 3.13 million koi and ornamental goldfish, worth \$953,050, bringing sales of all fish to \$2.1 million. Sales of ornamental fish are expected to increase slightly in 2001, while sales of food and sport fish are expected to decline somewhat.

Almost 2.07 million oysters, including 25,682 market oysters and 2,043,433 seed oysters were produced in 2000, bringing in \$24,080 to Maryland growers. This segment of the market is expected to grow in 2001 as current oyster stocks reach maturity. Soft-shelled crab and clams are also grown.

Aquatic plants account for the largest value of sales of aquaculture products, worth nearly \$2.6 million in 2000. Lesser amounts of baitfish and algae were also sold. Sales of these products are expected to drop in 2001.



*Aquaculture Production and Sales*

Description	Unit	Production		2000 Sales	
		2000	Projected 2001	Value of Sales	Average Price Per Unit
Fish and Shellfish		dollars			
Tilapia	lb	476,516	317,300	926,327	1.94
Catfish	lb	2,406	2,650	3,314	1.38
Trout	lb	3,850	57,500	3,706	0.96
Sport Fish <sup>1</sup>	lb	10,377	9,250	21,617	1.61
Ornamental Fish	ea	3,128,900	3,660,060	953,050	depends on size
Oysters <sup>2</sup>	ea	2,069,115	10,517,000	24,080	market 0.35 spat 0.01
Other <sup>3</sup>	varies			250,150	
Other Products					
Aquatic Plants	ea	399,043	301,904	2,585,799	6.48
Other <sup>4</sup>	varies			181,540	
Total		4,949,583			

<sup>1</sup>Sport Fish include large mouth bass, blue gill, and white perch.

<sup>2</sup>Oysters include market oysters and spat.

<sup>3</sup>Other fish and shellfish include hybrid striped bass, yellow perch, clams, and soft-shelled crabs.

<sup>4</sup>Other products include baitfish and algae.